



BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

Vol. 27.7 Thursday, February 18, 2021 Serving the Communities of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren **F R E E**



Michigan, along with other parts of the country, was hit with a big snowstorm on Monday and Tuesday, leaving about nine inches and closing the Sumpter and Van Buren township halls, the Van Buren Public Schools, the Forgotten Harvest pop-up pantries in VBT and Romulus, and other events and businesses. This is Main Street in downtown Belleville at about 8 a.m. on Tuesday.



On Sunday, adults and children were enjoying sliding down the hill at the entry to Van Buren Park. Now that there is more snow, there are sure to be more people sliding down the hill. The hill is located at the park entrance, just east of Dunham's on the South I-94 Service Drive.

Independent photos by James Oztman

Van Buren Public Schools 2020 Transparency Report		
Employee	Base Pay	Total Compensation
ADMINISTRATORS		
Kudlak, Peter	\$140,403.42	\$210,530.49
Moore, Jeffrey	\$98,769.94	\$155,806.34
Madyun, Abdul	\$110,332.40	\$155,101.87
Cortese, Sara	\$96,957.04	\$150,595.80
Williams, James	\$104,860.40	\$150,475.63
Johnston, Karen	\$101,131.86	\$145,262.32
Banks, Elizabeth	\$69,227.42	\$114,468.08
Munoz, Dionisia	\$67,769.09	\$93,723.91
Voigt, Mary	\$41,097.08	\$76,101.05
Schenavar, Keith	\$40,510.41	\$71,377.93
Jones, Stephen	\$45,496.96	\$68,045.66
Pierre Isaac, Sabrina	\$43,419.00	\$60,072.77
Barr, Mathew	\$42,536.04	\$59,141.98
Waller, Karen	\$47,798.66	\$58,320.81
Nimmons, Corea	\$38,110.14	\$58,075.02
Mercer, Angela	\$32,893.36	\$46,668.21
Tarrow, Erna	\$22,654.88	\$43,680.14
Schwartz, Michael	\$27,476.48	\$38,088.66
Crowell, Jermain	\$16,266.18	\$25,613.11
Cast, John	\$18,578.00	\$24,477.91
Gunter, Opal	\$4,475.00	\$6,167.00
Mccafferty, Devin	\$3,445.56	\$4,748.33
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS		
Beckham, Nicole	\$43,789.18	\$79,055.75
Dorris, Brandice	\$47,860.46	\$80,733.99
Evans, Deborah	\$24,776.96	\$34,635.71
Leedy, Deborah	\$49,367.88	\$83,183.75
McWilliams, Debra	\$55,379.81	\$95,536.93
Murphy, Gina	\$50,569.00	\$70,372.10
PRINCIPALS		
Abel, Fredrick	\$92,573.66	\$127,523.69
Buhro, Stacey	\$105,131.45	\$163,059.73
Causey-Bryant, Tracy	\$97,946.82	\$134,080.10
Leroy, John	\$95,076.82	\$149,654.39
Pitt, Aleisa	\$96,476.56	\$146,843.74
Preuss, Lisa	\$87,052.77	\$134,251.19
Ross, Rebecca	\$93,181.65	\$142,900.63
Salhaney, Jason	\$91,782.09	\$145,110.01
Wilsey, Scott	\$92,267.19	\$141,970.66
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS		
Fisher, Rodney	\$10,064.54	\$12,544.98
Green, Falisadoll	\$96,258.49	\$150,996.82
Lindsay, Andrew	\$89,807.67	\$142,213.31
Maher, Laura	\$94,053.60	\$133,298.60
Roberson, Brian	\$90,082.53	\$142,585.84
Wright, Howard	\$103,294.26	\$142,656.96

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR		
Brodie, Joseph	\$85,816.32	\$136,769.06
BOARD MEMBERS		
Featheringill, Susan	\$720.00	\$775.08
Hawkins, Calvin	\$510.00	\$549.02
Johnston, Keith	\$570.00	\$613.61
Loyer Gerick, Darlene	\$570.00	\$613.61
Owen, Kelly	\$570.00	\$613.61
Pearce, Amy	\$690.00	\$742.79
Pinter, Simone	\$690.00	\$742.79
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS		
Beckham, Nicole	\$43,789.18	\$79,055.75
Dorris, Brandice	\$47,860.46	\$80,733.99
Evans, Deborah	\$24,776.96	\$34,635.71
Leedy, Deborah	\$49,367.88	\$83,183.75
McWilliams, Debra	\$55,379.81	\$95,536.93
Murphy, Gina	\$50,569.00	\$70,372.10
SECRETARIAL/CLERICAL		
Armstrong, Sandra	\$6,451.38	\$7,694.64
Cichowski, Jamie	\$30,866.15	\$62,261.54
Clair, Jewell	\$800.00	\$861.20
Colwell, Melissa	\$18,193.88	\$29,113.61
Cornell, Jennifer	\$19,884.73	\$28,020.94
Eaton, Janice	\$26,882.11	\$43,676.53
Floro, Jaclyn	\$36,852.55	\$52,412.32
Harris, Tammie	\$36,828.89	\$52,384.73
Johnson, Theresa	\$36,378.54	\$51,156.57
Kennedy, Marcia	\$33,031.02	\$60,968.43
Kiessel, Diane	\$31,400.48	\$62,876.58
Kulhanek, Patricia	\$21,944.62	\$31,464.94
Larocque, Kristine	\$28,822.84	\$42,084.41
Loechli, Michelle	\$39,248.97	\$55,676.06
Mahdi, Felicia	\$37,673.74	\$53,120.63
Mastrogiacomo, Erin	\$16,832.87	\$23,821.20
Melton, Pamela	\$30,980.68	\$52,884.57
O'Keefe, Nicole	\$20,124.32	\$27,761.50
Richards, Norma	\$31,297.73	\$62,747.07
Spillman, Kristine	\$34,318.20	\$54,193.83
Sykes, Lenore	\$21,030.09	\$29,597.01
Trevorrow, Sylvia	\$34,614.34	\$63,235.16
Wester, Ursula	\$31,033.98	\$51,084.00
ELEMENTARY TEACHERS		
Albulov, Anna	\$39,074.85	\$59,988.21
Altenbernt, Lauren	\$74,883.56	\$109,284.47
Anguilm, Diana	\$48,872.03	\$75,148.07
Atchley, Jill	\$52,685.72	\$75,791.78
Baker, Laura	\$74,137.30	\$116,123.28
Bateman, Michael	\$51,089.97	\$69,127.82
Bateman, Nancy	\$78,051.79	\$123,402.45
Behrendt, Jaclynn	\$33,513.04	\$47,383.66
Belloni, Cristen	\$77,542.28	\$119,839.39
Bianchi, Pauline	\$72,750.06	\$106,623.95
Binert, Jill	\$71,271.82	\$114,794.28
Bogle-Hogg, Virginia	\$82,956.97	\$115,203.23
Bos, Tania	\$73,036.73	\$106,259.62
Boykin, Walter	\$45,990.86	\$64,793.66
Bradley, Pamela	\$80,246.25	\$116,544.06

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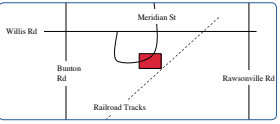
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Van Buren Public Schools			Ley, Janet	\$68,995.67	\$111,716.36	GSR PARAS		
2020 Transparency Report			Mallon, Yvonne	\$66,993.08	\$93,434.57	Mcinchak, Patricia	\$15,094.76	\$40,021.41
Employee	Base Pay	Total Compensation	Mason, Khaii	\$6,161.64	\$8,650.64	Tyner, Katerina	\$21,472.23	\$29,840.91
ELEMENTARY TEACHERS <i>(continued)</i>			Mastie, Vivian	\$74,249.21	\$114,815.33	SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS		
Brashear, Kristina	\$41,829.07	\$74,769.84	Mccraight, Nicole	\$54,567.99	\$76,482.25	Bare, Jennifer	\$7,857.17	\$23,612.26
Brown, Sarah	\$50,949.41	\$75,143.23	Meeker, Samantha	\$14,310.13	\$23,870.02	Cadeau, Kari	\$77,208.02	\$121,530.46
Burch, Sandra	\$64,304.47	\$101,812.35	Miloser, Kristine	\$76,737.35	\$107,158.58	Chie, Elizabeth	\$69,393.07	\$112,874.94
Byrd, Tauna	\$77,150.86	\$107,290.51	Mitchell, Amanda	\$26,286.82	\$36,162.78	Chrisner, Amy	\$76,490.91	\$122,581.90
Cagney, Kristine	\$25,150.22	\$45,415.85	Moore, Jessica	\$57,841.63	\$84,513.66	Conn, Joselyn	\$65,986.41	\$103,860.46
Cook, Sara	\$69,632.24	\$112,713.15	Morning, Amy	\$45,961.64	\$80,482.09	Davis, Cynthia	\$73,226.74	\$101,472.44
Courter, Katharine	\$73,347.10	\$114,553.25	Mounsey, Deborah	\$74,697.53	\$108,420.30	Dronsejko, Catherine	\$57,475.58	\$84,757.16
Cunningham, Deborah	\$42,832.19	\$75,365.60	Nadrowski, Emily	\$4,956.87	\$7,747.24	Epperson, Ann	\$68,904.16	\$112,190.50
Curtis, Yolanda	\$53,432.98	\$72,406.96	Nelson, Barbara	\$64,255.69	\$105,064.44	Gerst, Debbie	\$64,339.14	\$102,197.18
Dobek, Julie	\$52,747.64	\$74,008.28	Niedert, Ashley	\$43,991.15	\$66,149.74	Hammond, Colleen	\$68,662.25	\$112,019.46
Dolan, Cynthia	\$71,130.23	\$111,371.54	Nofs, Kathleen	\$73,906.37	\$118,600.10	Holmes, Dion	\$44,229.12	\$78,525.21
Dybecki, Kimberley	\$77,451.88	\$107,688.81	Norman, Anita	\$69,026.70	\$96,601.69	Hura, Sadie	\$26,199.48	\$40,319.37
Elgas, Jaime	\$62,359.38	\$91,377.54	Nota, Stephanie	\$63,907.55	\$93,623.50	Jasman, Neva	\$37,610.25	\$68,558.92
Elsner, Vickie	\$71,166.45	\$114,783.98	Owen, Tanya	\$26,937.69	\$43,509.67	Johnson, Deborah	\$67,260.46	\$98,670.11
Emerson, Joelle	\$73,929.84	\$118,521.68	Palmer, Heather	\$56,091.02	\$76,489.29	Jordan, Cindy	\$70,946.01	\$98,006.15
Falk, Virginia	\$77,235.43	\$119,898.42	Parcha, James	\$63,999.68	\$105,493.23	Lasenby, Felicia	\$61,970.03	\$103,051.22
Farnell, Shannon	\$44,995.04	\$62,904.71	Pettway, Shandra	\$51,930.59	\$87,923.60	Meier, Debra	\$51,725.80	\$77,100.34
Fidh, Janice	\$77,803.90	\$107,362.01	Przydzial, Karen	\$73,340.48	\$106,710.36	Parker, Maliya	\$68,563.05	\$100,531.60
Fleming, Laura	\$45,153.88	\$62,875.15	Puma, Lori	\$12,195.47	\$22,441.25	Phillips, Carey	\$73,089.11	\$106,422.57
Flisher, Robert	\$71,522.47	\$115,098.49	Purcell, Thomas	\$42,146.04	\$72,588.30	Reeves, Amy	\$65,825.55	\$107,615.01
Flynn, Stacy	\$16,385.74	\$22,376.50	Rafail, Melinda	\$61,553.90	\$101,831.39	Rhodes, Kimberly	\$29,424.84	\$45,892.27
Frederick, Felecia	\$49,308.14	\$81,459.66	Rakovitis, Melissa	\$42,038.66	\$63,209.45	Rybicki, Tiffany	\$56,118.76	\$78,409.03
Garden, Laurie	\$50,906.22	\$87,910.84	Richardson, Alexandra	\$38,779.32	\$70,107.99	Schwartz-Olma, Jessica	\$51,706.90	\$88,461.70
Gillsey, Michele	\$58,922.87	\$97,806.49	Rohloff, Steven	\$76,677.19	\$122,995.67	Smith, Antoinette	\$48,705.18	\$75,912.06
Glime, Kimberly	\$51,356.90	\$87,483.40	Roperti, Christine	\$71,301.82	\$115,143.28	Stamper, Elizabeth	\$56,968.21	\$76,948.62
Goins, Andrew	\$51,181.38	\$76,196.88	Runyan, Jennifer	\$60,093.40	\$100,001.05	Swisher, Jackie	\$47,543.26	\$82,699.11
Grant, Joanne	\$58,801.48	\$95,295.58	Rupnow, Elinor	\$77,530.70	\$105,744.07	Testorelli, Constance	\$66,162.53	\$91,782.10
Gulu, Cristine	\$1,869.51	\$2,404.38	Scarbrough, Mark	\$27,568.94	\$38,407.21	SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPRO		
Gyulveszi, Dena	\$51,153.38	\$70,841.97	Scroggie, Angela	\$78,697.52	\$109,481.85	Ashford, Angela	\$17,871.04	\$33,365.67
Haas, Amanda	\$4,111.53	\$5,621.79	Sheko, Teresa	\$53,566.73	\$73,632.35	Babik, Abby	\$16,220.70	\$41,733.30
Hall, Talton	\$8,675.92	\$12,101.49	Sheridan, Jennifer	\$72,608.90	\$116,474.28	Battle, Stephanie	\$15,357.14	\$29,945.87
Harding, Angela	\$70,879.46	\$98,732.38	Simon, Rebecca	\$54,791.11	\$88,798.81	Bauer, Kaleena	\$9,729.07	\$15,131.80
Harding, John	\$66,956.13	\$109,452.05	Slayton, Alyssa	\$25,426.31	\$39,355.20	Brown, Paula	\$16,117.33	\$41,523.10
Head, Scott	\$70,245.62	\$113,620.83	Smith, Christine	\$77,864.84	\$113,274.73	Browning, Sherry	\$14,049.75	\$43,850.26
Held, Brent	\$83,875.04	\$115,645.85	Smith, Jean	\$76,882.21	\$123,020.82	Colwell, Roseanne	\$18,061.92	\$33,625.63
Henning, Cynthia	\$69,948.95	\$113,480.21	Smith, Kristen	\$13,116.95	\$19,790.37	Coyle, Patricia	\$15,630.55	\$40,831.83
Hickson, Kristy	\$58,546.70	\$82,253.26	Spence, Diane	\$78,082.57	\$113,483.68	Dornier, Alice	\$11,990.64	\$40,529.96
Hiuser, Melisa	\$30,040.52	\$44,936.84	Stiles, Sarah	\$60,846.09	\$89,488.46	Dossey, Amy	\$13,664.87	\$30,439.29
Horchem, Kristin	\$56,879.38	\$95,916.56	Stipe, Karen	\$86,271.31	\$120,219.16	Drogowski, Jennifer	\$11,139.96	\$39,643.63
Hoskins, Keyon	\$45,992.92	\$69,483.07	Stremer, Lisa	\$53,827.58	\$79,254.18	Dyer, Linda	\$9,095.76	\$12,953.12
Igonin, Sarah	\$56,261.33	\$94,160.50	Sullivan, Holly	\$72,437.23	\$112,768.49	Ellis, Laverne	\$4,964.67	\$6,642.90
Jackson, Quran	\$55,987.59	\$78,607.52	Sutton, Rebecca	\$52,081.17	\$89,488.12	Fisher, Randall	\$18,988.40	\$35,000.49
Jackson, Spring	\$52,317.79	\$77,850.20	Swingle, Lisa	\$60,417.62	\$88,843.84	Fogg, Ladonna	\$20,476.11	\$28,486.87
Jesue, Kelly	\$49,123.36	\$69,066.24	Takasy, Charles	\$10,654.40	\$16,081.11	Fowler, Sparkle	\$11,507.65	\$13,613.43
Johnson, Erica	\$54,118.44	\$80,145.57	Tanana, Samantha	\$40,361.47	\$73,775.11	Franklin, Ethel	\$15,199.83	\$30,047.85
Johnson, Gabrielle	\$49,691.93	\$81,643.08	Tatom, Kate	\$20,416.38	\$34,489.53	Frazier, William	\$17,737.75	\$31,012.36
Jones, Margaret	\$40,836.17	\$62,887.45	Taylor, Marcie	\$49,293.63	\$85,044.64	Frederick, Alissa	\$6,559.28	\$9,223.91
Kapcia, Suzanne	\$84,277.72	\$115,630.53	Taylor, Sarah	\$61,788.95	\$85,813.12	Guido, Rosanna	\$13,930.95	\$28,113.43
Karaba, Melanie	\$70,417.60	\$113,874.72	Tenbroeck, Jane	\$85,152.69	\$117,365.75	Harris, Patricia	\$17,902.85	\$33,409.18
Kasperek, Vikki	\$53,238.36	\$91,424.09	Tenbroeck, Peter	\$70,895.04	\$115,224.74	Hudelston, Martha	\$14,357.54	\$39,291.47
Kehoe, Carrie	\$62,484.63	\$103,368.06	Tennis, Rebecca	\$73,991.81	\$118,766.00	Ion, Reginald	\$869.07	\$869.07
Kiser, Jessica	\$38,773.69	\$60,745.57	Thompson, Fatima	\$43,376.44	\$72,717.31	Kabir, Hasina	\$12,552.23	\$41,547.20
Kitchen, Jennifer	\$52,450.80	\$72,940.31	Tibbs, Kathleen	\$70,884.57	\$114,398.04	Kolawole, Amanda	\$18,228.35	\$25,655.08
Komaromi, Julie	\$40,430.02	\$61,650.04	Tredway, Eyonna	\$35,384.96	\$49,685.43	Korody, Jill	\$14,563.46	\$39,571.00
Komaromi, Michelle	\$76,074.73	\$105,813.83	Vago, Mary	\$76,834.38	\$119,651.23	Lampinen, Chrystal	\$14,820.06	\$29,486.21
Krug, Kevin	\$58,435.67	\$90,391.23	Van'T Hof, Stacey	\$47,864.74	\$72,227.29	Leake, Mary	\$16,461.62	\$22,548.12
Kunz, Laurie	\$50,982.80	\$71,691.82	Wiese, Jami	\$60,705.01	\$100,514.30	Loria, Jack	\$20,908.55	\$29,217.19
Kurash, Antoinette	\$77,885.93	\$107,472.73	Willoughby, Denise	\$69,659.40	\$113,141.01	Macleane, Carol	\$21,047.52	\$29,767.40
Lang, Sarah	\$62,433.66	\$87,503.47	Youngs, Morgan	\$52,032.58	\$71,560.78	Mazure, Ashley	\$11,846.59	\$39,399.27
Lange, Jennifer	\$51,307.29	\$75,659.36	Yurcak, Margaret	\$50,178.63	\$68,481.61	Mead, Judith	\$178.40	\$178.40
Lauer, Lisa	\$69,256.88	\$112,728.33	GSR TEACHERS			Melidosian, Susan	\$21,236.42	\$29,348.74
Leake, Carol	\$69,508.38	\$112,999.07	Hern, Sarah	\$36,713.92	\$56,413.57	Mercer, Tracy	\$13,301.10	\$38,014.85
			Mendal, Janeen	\$34,162.16	\$51,548.40	Milkovich, Amber	\$912.50	\$1,255.70
			Newman, Marcia	\$31,295.56	\$43,027.23			

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Strawberry Fest, Sumpter Fest canceled for 2021

Sumpter Township Country Fest, annually held over the Memorial Day weekend at the end of May, has been canceled this year. It was canceled last year, as well. COVID-19.

Last week, the Belleville National Strawberry Festival was canceled for 2021. It was canceled last year, as well. COVID-19. It usually is held on Father's Day weekend, which is June 19 and 20 this year.

On Tuesday, the Belleville City Council was scheduled to hear the most-recent activities being planned for a completely new festival, Belleville Lake Fest, planned for June 25, 26, and 27.

The city has already approved the concept of the new festival because it had many complaints about the old Strawberry Festival that had grown to be mostly a carnival, craft show with commercial vendors shutting off Main Street, and downtown businesses, for a week end.

The big complaint was that a handful of people made all the money from the festival.

The newly organized festival – that seems to be growing every week -- is aimed at helping local, non-profit groups earn money, to celebrate small-town life, and to make good use of Belleville Lake.

We can hope that COVID rules will have gone away, or substantially diminished, by June so that this area's newest festival can go on as planned.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Snow, snow everywhere on Monday and Tuesday. This is the first big snowfall of the winter and one Sumpter resident told me he was going to put his snow blade on his truck on Monday, something he hadn't done yet because the season hadn't produced much snow until now. I'm sure he was glad he had the snowblade on when he woke up Tuesday morning.

The Strawberry Festival executive board decided last week that the festival, which annually runs on Father's Day weekend, is canceled this year. The board is made up of president Tom Fielder, who is a city councilman; vice president Diane Shew; treasurer Janet Millard; secretary Sharon Pokerwinski; and executive director Joan Bodnar. Last year they canceled the festival, as well.

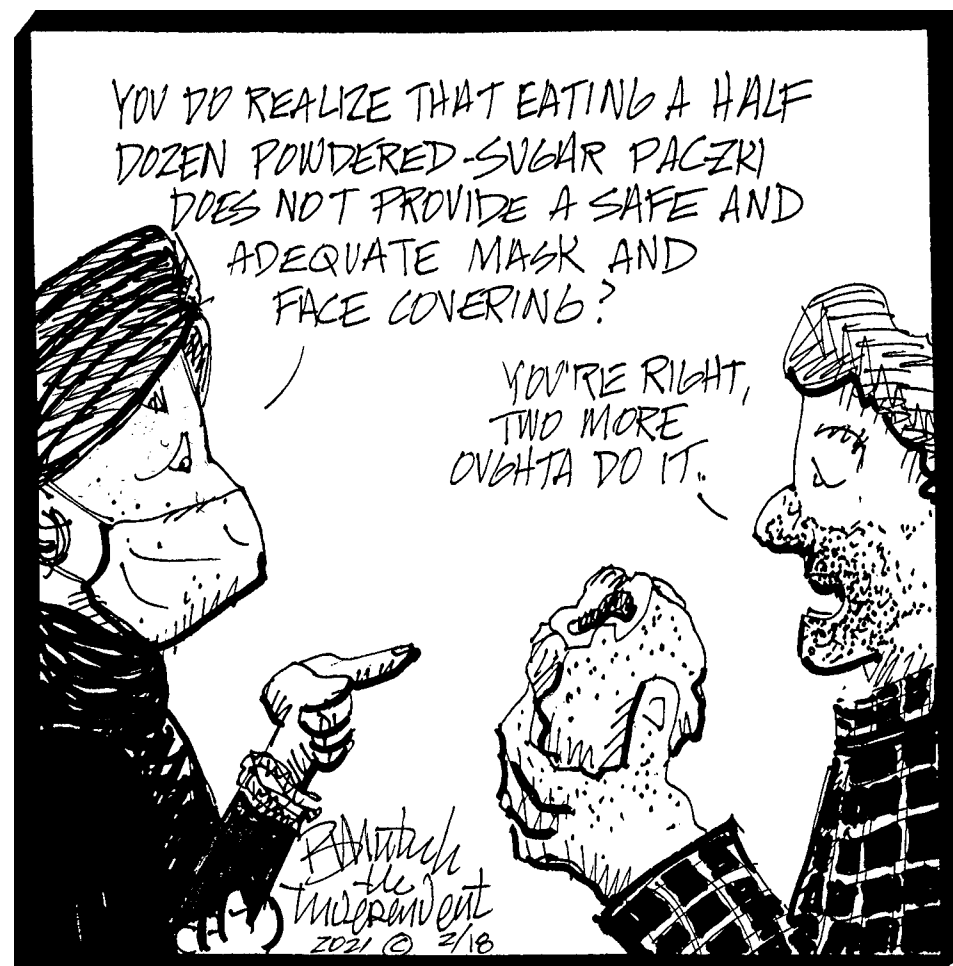
The brand-new Belleville Lake Fest, however, continues to add events to its festival in Belleville and Van Buren Township, set for June 25, 26, 27. The concept of this new festival was approved by the city council in August 2020.

The goal of the Lake Fest is to help non-profit organizations raise funds and give lots of fun things for the community to do, especially on the lake. The lists of events published on the Chamber of Commerce website includes lots of music and food, a car show, and fireworks, plus enjoyment of the lake with a boat parade, dragon boat race, ski show, and kayak scavenger hunt.

They also plan a juried art market and a couple of runs, along with a kids' fishing tournament.

The event was scheduled to be discussed by the Belleville City Council on Tuesday,

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



too late for a report in this week's paper. The city council usually meets on Mondays when we can get the report in that week's paper, but it was Tuesday this week because of the Presidents' Day holiday.

A 78-year-old Van Buren Township man was driving the wrong way on I-94 on Feb. 9 at about 1 a.m. in Jackson County. He entered the freeway at Race Road and drove just over a mile, according to the Blackman-Leoni Department of Public Safety.

The man was driving a 2019 Ford Ranger and crashed head-on into a 79-year-old Redford Township man driving a 2006 Honda Accord. The VBT man had minor injuries and was taken to Henry Ford Allegiance Health. The other driver was not injured. According to reports, police said the wrong-way driver was having a medical issue at the time of the crash.

A Van Buren Township senior citizen called me to tell me about a new scam. She wondered if anybody else has been called by someone who threatens legal action against them.

When she doesn't recognize the phone number of someone calling, she doesn't pick up and waits for the message. The same person has called her twice so far and left messages that if she doesn't call (856) 478-3510 he will have to start legal action against her.

She knows it's a scam and she hopes other seniors don't get dragged into some scheme that takes away their money. She said this is the season of income tax refunds.

I suggested she call the Van Buren police and play the message on her answering machine for them, as she did for me. But I don't think she will do that since she knows it's a scam. She just wants others to beware, so she called us.

I ran into a couple of local law suits at the Federal District Court website for the Eastern District of Michigan: one with Charter Township of Van Buren as a co-defendant and one with the Van Buren Public Schools as a defendant.

I hadn't heard about either one, so it was interesting to read the complaints and get the details. Neither has been settled.

The VBT case involves licensed medical marijuana growers who operated in the cities of Wayne and Garden City. VBT had an officer on the Western Wayne Narcotics Team. All municipalities who had someone on that team were sued.

The suit against the school district has to do with the complaint of ongoing sexual harassment of a bus driver by a bus aide and his friends. I'll follow the two cases and write about them when we've got space to publish the stories.



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Letters

Bednark explains why he resigned as deputy

To the editor:

I would again like to thank the people of Sumpter for the opportunity to serve as your prior treasurer and deputy supervisor. Some of you have been asking about my resignation. Here goes:

Tim Bowman and I have known each other since our youth and we are now in our 60s. I always considered Timbo as my friend even after a gap of many decades in our connection, and still do. Friendship should transcend politics. We reunited back in 2018 when I was on the campaign trail. He said in his driveway, he'd like to run for supervisor in 2020 and I said I would help. After helping with his successful campaign, Bowman recruited me to be his deputy supervisor. I told him repeatedly, Timbo! I might not be the guy you want; there is no love between me and these trustees. I constantly debated their ideas while on that board as treasurer. I told him I was retiring and returning back to my beloved private life that had been on hold. I then realized how badly he wanted my help and after kicking around some alternatives like consulting, I capitulated and we struck a six-month deal to get the newly minted supervisor up to speed until he could go it on his own or do whatever.

His appointing me likely unleashed the majority of board members calling for a special meeting (his first), on Dec. 15, 2020, with 17 agenda items, none of them previously discussed with Bowman. The outcome of that meeting nearly paralyzed his office. He then was mistakenly led to believe that his deputy did only statutory duties, which are few. During our public discourse at a board meeting, Bowman stated, "I am a full grown man. I can do it on my own. I am perfectly capable of doing this on my own, Kenny." It was immediately after that meeting I tendered my two-week notice.

Last Friday, Feb. 12, I submitted my resignation letter to the supervisor, then within hours, he appointed the township finance director as his deputy supervisor. I think the residents of this township deserve an explanation as to what Bowman meant by "I can do it on my own" and what exactly he meant when he said he was going to drain the swamp. The supervisor's office is not required to appoint a deputy. Perhaps he is desperate to get someone to run the supervisor's office so he can spend more time working in his construction business. I felt that may have been the case when I was his deputy. Trustees commented that the supervisor's office was overstaffed already.

Bowman and I had good intentions but a lack of communication and follow-through, conflicting management styles, and differing visions for Sumpter became evident after the first couple weeks. The

wage dispute I have with the township hastened my departure. At one point during negotiations with the township, there was a framework for settlement but the details were unacceptable. It read like I was being asked to sell my soul for a loaf of bread. The matter is currently in the hands of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Development.

My hope for this community is that Bowman will take ownership of the supervisor's position and not cower from his campaign promises to all of us who supported him. He kept saying at board meetings he is new at this and needs to learn but that cannot be an excuse for failing to take authority in his role, otherwise that board will own him. He delegated governance to a deputy/ finance director that doesn't even live in the community. Does this sound familiar? It is a similar setup to what he ran against and what the residents of Sumpter voted out. When those that voted for you begin to question your judgment and those you opposed begin to praise you, it is time for a gut check.

Bowman got some words of political advice from me early on; understand the powers of your office, and learn to take a punch. Backwoods politics is the name of the game in Sumpter. Maybe in my absence the trustees can stop acting like watchdogs and go do something tangible. Go do some deals -- work on our image, reach out to stakeholders, do the people's bidding. Do more with less -- you'll be known by your fruits. My best wishes to Bowman and his administration.

Kenneth Bednark
Sumpter Township



Feb. 17 – Karen Brown

Feb. 20 – Paul Dalzell

Feb. 25 – Wendy Shingles

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Obituaries



Ilona Waterstraat

ILONA WATERSTRAAT

(January 27, 1941 – February 11, 2021)
Ilona Waterstraat, age 79, of Romulus, MI, passed away Thursday, February 11, 2021 at her home. She was born January 27, 1941 in Grossen-Linden, Germany, daughter of Erich & Elly Margarete (Eisenhut) Schepp. She graduated high school and came to the United States of America in 1963 and married Donald R. Waterstraat shortly after. She was a member of Marian Peace Center of Detroit, MI where she enjoyed running the bookstore. She was an avid reader who enjoyed cooking and supporting President Trump.
Ilona is survived by her devoted husband of 56 years, Donald; son Troy E. Waterstraat of Romulus, MI; and special friends Bill & Laurie Smallman of Belleville, MI.
Dignified cremation has taken place. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.
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MARY ANN VIRES

(September 27, 1943 – February 13, 2021)
Age 77, of Dearborn Heights, formerly of Canton, died after a long battle with COPD and asthma. Survived by son Mark, grandchildren Rhett and Cheyenne, brother Bill. Cremation rites have been accorded.
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COVID-19 death total in 48111 rises to 59, positive tests at 2,136

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code grew by one to 59 over the week ending Monday, Feb. 15.
The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 were 2,136 on Monday, Feb. 15, up from 2,107 the previous Monday, Feb. 8
On Monday, Feb. 8, the separate numbers released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 1,392 positive cases, 31 deaths; City of Belleville, 379 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 365 positive cases, 7 deaths.

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Obituaries



Wesley Roger
Marvicsin, Jr.

WESLEY ROGER MARVICSIN, JR.

(March 23, 1957 – February 11, 2021)
Wesley "Wes" Marvicsin, Jr., 63, passed away on February 11, 2021 at Angela Hospice Center in Livonia, Michigan. He was born on March 23, 1957 to Wesley Sr. and JoAnn Marvicsin. He grew up in Romulus, Michigan and attended St. Aloysius School in Romulus as well as St. Louis School in Chelsea. He also worked in sheltered workshops, such as the Harold J. Coil Center and the Western Wayne Workshop. At both the St. Louis School and Western Wayne Workshop, he was on their championship basketball teams and was a medal winner in the Special Olympics.

He had an infectious smile, joyous laugh, and a personality that was larger than life. His heart and hugs were as big as the world and his generosity was boundless. Wes loved socializing, cooking, going to dances, and attending family holiday gatherings. He also liked learning about pets and babies, playing cards, watching old Western films, and listening to all types of music (especially country music). His life was full, enjoying summers traveling up north in Michigan and fishing on the lake with his beloved grandparents. At his home in Romulus, he enjoyed swimming and playing basketball. He was genuinely interested in other people and their well-being, and selflessly championed their successes. You could always count on Wes to remember meticulous details about you, as well as the accurate weather report.

Strong in his faith, he always believed in the good in the world and in people, even when they may not have understood the needs and nuances of a developmentally disabled person. Wes led by example and educated others through unconditional love, untainted joy, and unwavering hope. Friends, teachers, and caregivers immediately fell in love with him. Most of all, he was always a gentleman. The world is a better place because Wes was in it. He was the son of Wesley Marvicsin, Sr., the cherished brother of Abby (Marvicsin) Block and Amy Marvicsin. He was also the beloved brother-in-law of Robin Block and the doting uncle of Jon Taylor, Konnor McIntosh, and Kamryn McIntosh. He is preceded in death by his loving grandmother Gwena (Knight, Stedman) Gill, grandfather Thomas Gill, and his mother JoAnn (Stedman) Marvicsin.

A private ceremony for the immediate family was held at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646 on February 17, 2021. He was laid to rest at Michigan Memorial Park next to his mother JoAnn.

The family has enormous gratitude for those who loved and cared for Wes throughout his life. Donations in Wes's name to two wonderful organizations, Angela Hospice (angelahospice.org/donations) or the St. Louis Center (stlouiscenter.org/giving), would be most appreciated.



Mark Steven Daroci

MARK STEVEN DAROCI

(October 11, 1961 – February 4, 2021)

Mark Steven Daroci, 59, of Sumpter Township passed away suddenly on Thursday, February 4, 2021. He is survived by his mother Arlene, sister Sherry, and brother Craig; his two children Melissa and Macon, as well as several grandchildren.



Bruce Patrick O'Connor

BRUCE PATRICK O'CONNOR

(August 5, 1947 – February 9, 2021)

Bruce Patrick O'Connor, age 73, of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, February 9, 2021. He was born August 5, 1947 in Hamilton, Ontario, son of James Henry & Mary Irene (Bothen) O'Connor. He retired from General Motors Powertrain plant in Romulus, MI after 45 years of loyal service. He was a proud member of the U.A.W. Local #163. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, MI. In his free time Bruce enjoyed target practice and golf. Most of all, he enjoyed time with his family, especially his grandkids.

Bruce is survived by his loving wife of 44 years Patricia Lee (Swain) O'Connor; son Joseph Patrick O'Connor of Saline, MI; three daughters Michelle (Greg) Snead of Belleville, MI, Holly Becks of Troy, MI and Kimberly (Berge) Avesian of Bloomfield Hills, MI; four grandchildren Justin & Josh Snead and Georgia & Jack Becks; four siblings James (Jane) O'Connor of South Hampton, Ontario, Brian (Barb) O'Connor of Chula Vista, California, Judith (Paul) Briggs of Denver, Colorado, Bernie (Darleen) O'Connor of Raleigh, North Carolina; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place. A Memorial was Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 1 PM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Due to COVID-19, there is a limit of 25 people in the building and face coverings are required.

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GENE EDWARD SCHARP

(June 29, 1946 – February 8, 2021)

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More Letters

Thomas Jefferson's view on newspapers

To the editor:

In reading a recent biography of Thomas Jefferson, by Jon Meacham, I ran across a letter he wrote to a correspondent in America while serving in Paris as America's ambassador in 1786. For perspective, this is not long after the farmer's rebellion led by Daniel Shays, brought about after the Massachusetts Assembly imposed a heavy tax on its people. This is also only a few months before the new states sent delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. The future of the new American experiment in representative government was uncertain. I think these lines from Jefferson have relevance today:

"The basis of our governments being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without government, I should prefer the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive those papers and be capable of reading them... Do not be too severe upon [the people's] errors, but reclaim them by enlightening them. If once they become inattentive to public affairs, you and I, and congress, and Assemblies, Judges and Governors shall all become wolves. It seems to be the law of our general nature, in spite of individual exceptions; and experience declares that man is the only animal which devours his own kind."

Feel free to print any or all of this, if you think it worthwhile.

Thanks, and keep up the good work

David Booher
Van Buren Township resident

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The kindness of strangers not unnoticed

To the editor:

My husband and I had dinner at JT's Pub and Grub on Thursday, Feb. 11.

Staff asked if anyone owned a particular vehicle in the parking lot, which actually turned out to be ours. Someone had hit our car in the parking lot, completely destroying the front bumper. The driver took off, maybe not knowing he had hit our car.

Staff immediately got on the phone to what I assumed to be the police department. Once we realized it was our car that was hit, my husband called the police department. Due to a shift change, it took a long time for the police to arrive.

Fellow patrons paid for our dinner, and I understand others had offered to buy our dinner, or even a round of drinks.

Once the police arrived and filed the report, a staff member came out in the frigid temperature to assist my husband in removing the front end from our car so we could drive home. Fortunately, there was no damage to the headlights.

I want to thank the entire staff that was working at our favorite restaurant, and the fellow diners who either paid, or offered to pay our tab. There is kindness in the world, and it does not go unnoticed.

THANK YOU.

Fran Horchem

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• **Thursday, Feb. 18** – GriefShare begins its 13-week support group at 6 p.m. at the Five Points Church, corner of Goddard Road and Huron River Drive in Romulus. More information at www.griefshare.org.

• **Sunday, Feb. 21** – Prohibition Sunday: Rum-runners Hike, 2-4 p.m., at Lake Erie Metropark. The Detroit River was a pretty busy place during Prohibition. Tremendous amounts of illegal liquor was entering the United States from Canada during the 1920s and early 1930s. Join us as we travel back to the era of blind pigs, rum-running and panther sweat; and we discuss the role the area around Lake Erie Metropark played during the Prohibition Era. Ages 14 and up. Social distancing and face coverings required. Pre-registration is required by Feb. 20 at 4 p.m.

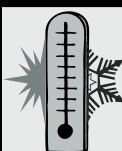
• **Tuesday, Feb. 23** – Forgotten Harvest Free Food Give Away runs from 2 to 4:30 p.m., or while supplies last, every Tuesday

at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd. Volunteers will load fresh groceries into the vehicle of anyone in need.

• **Tuesday, Feb. 23** – Forgotten Harvest Food Give Away at noon every Tuesday until further notice at Romulus High School, 9650 S. Wayne Rd. Sponsored by Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans and hosted by Romulus Community School District. Information: Virginia Williams, (734) 673-8396

• **Saturday, Feb. 27** – Full Moon Hike 6-8 p.m. at Oakwoods Metropark. Discover why the Native Americans referred to this full moon as the "Snow Moon" while learning facts, myths, and legends surrounding our moon. We will hike along the nature trails in the dark, while discussing the moon, as well as, some of the "night-life" of the park. Fun for all ages! Social distancing and face coverings are required. Pre-registration is required by Feb. 26 at 4 p.m.

• **Sunday, March 7** – Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street in Belleville. Brief ceremony monthly to honor veterans in service, retired, and passed on. "Taps" is played and "National Anthem" sung.



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Court Watching:**Raymond Bailey to get independent evaluation before murder exam**

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Raymond Lee Bailey, 37, of Wyandotte was scheduled for a probable cause conference on Jan. 20 before 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin and he was present by Zoom from the Wayne County Jail where he is being held without bond.

Bailey is charged with the Aug. 15 shooting deaths of four victims in a home on Martinsville Road in Sumpter Township.

He has been held since his arrest on Aug. 19.

He was present before Judge Martin via Zoom on Jan. 13 where Prosecutor Tara Hindelang said that the Forensic Center released a report saying Bailey was competent to stand trial.

But Bailey's appointed defense attorney Sharon Clark Woodside said the Forensic Center had yet to send reports on criminal responsibility and competency to waive Miranda. Judge Martin gave the attorneys a week to check on the status of the other reports.

On Jan. 20 defense attorney Woodside said she finally got the competency report and a report on criminal responsibility. She

said she would stipulate to competency to stand trial, but disputes the other report saying he is criminally responsible.

She said she will ask for an independent evaluation for her client on the criminal responsibility. She said she would like it done before the preliminary exam.

Judge Martin said the district court doesn't authorize independent evaluations and Woodside said the state provides experts without authorization of the court.

Judge Martin said she will sign an order that the defendant is competent to stand trial. She asked how long Woodside needed to get her independent evaluation and she said it probably would be two months.

Judge Martin said she does not have court dates for that far and asked them to come back in a month for the probable cause conference so they could "stay on track."

The probable cause conference was set for 11 a.m., Feb. 24, before Judge Martin.

On Sept. 16, Judge Tina Brooks Green referred Bailey to the Forensic Center for evaluation for competence, criminal responsibility, and waiver of Miranda.

Prosecutor Hindelang said the examiner at the Forensic Center signed a report on Dec. 21 that said Bailey was competent to stand trial and participate in his defense. She said on Jan. 12, the same examiner also signed an order that Bailey was criminally responsible and does not meet the defense of insanity.

Bailey is charged with four counts of first-degree murder and four charges of felony firearm in the shooting deaths of sisters Laura Tanner, 35, and Sarah Grupa, 38, and their cousins, brothers Forrest Sampson, 28, and Neil Sampson, 30. Laura Tanner was Bailey's former fiancé and the murders took place at her home.

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Waste Management explains clear-cutting of 118 acres of trees

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Waste Management will clear-cut about 118 acres of trees from an 187-acre parcel at the northeast corner of Ecorse and I-275 to allow for expansion of its current 245-acre landfill.

At the Feb. 10 Zoom meeting of the VBT Planning Commission, Dan Power, Director of Planning and Economic Development, introduced requirements for a tree-removal permit that included \$3,099 payment into the township's tree fund.

James Hamann, of Waste Management of Michigan Inc., told the commission they started in 2014 dealing with the township and other bodies to get permission for expansion of the landfill.

He said they plan to clear just over 100 acres of trees on the east half of the old golfcourse because 33 acres is needed for the landfill for additional space for retention basins and roads.

Hamann said they plan to have the new cells in use in 2022. He said they will stockpile one million yards of soil just north of the existing clubhouse for use.

"This is just the first phase," Hamann said. "The expansion will go on for multiple years."

Power gave the report written by him and planning consultant Vidya Krishnan on the tree removal and landscaping.

Power said now there is a waiver from the tree survey requirements because of an agreement with the township that supercedes this and money that was already paid.

Hamann said Waste Management allocated \$350,000 for landscaping. He said they will submit their landscaping plan to the township and will agree with the plan that satisfies all the requirements.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr asked about a buffer along Ecorse and Power replied there is preservation planned rather than removal and replacement.

A 25' wide landscaped buffer along the I-275 frontage and a 50' wide landscaped buffer along the entire Ecorse Road buffer were agreed to in the previous agreement with the township.

Power said his department will take a look at the previous agreement administratively because some of the stipulated items in the tree permit are covered in that agreement.

Commissioner Bryon Kelley made the motion, supported by Jahr to approve the tree permit subject to stipulations. The motion passed unanimously.

Power said the next agenda is still in formation and there may be a meeting in two weeks.

Board of Zoning Appeals

He reported that the previous evening there was a meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals. At that meeting Neapco sought a variance on maximum lot coverage and a

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Belleville DDA hears proposals for fiberglass fish, café lighting

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At the Jan. 20 Zoom meeting of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, City Councilman Ken Voigt told the DDA about the fiberglass fish being considered for the city. He also suggested the DDA look into café lighting for use on the Fourth Street Square.

Councilman Voigt spoke under the Citizen Comment part of the agenda. He said since the city is getting more use of the Fourth Street Square, café lighting “would be icing on the cake in the area.”

He said a string of lights hanging from wires would be festive and inviting. He said the Belleville Area Council for the Arts has acquired another portable stage and it could be put at the end of the square where the tree

was removed. There could be a sail or two put above the square to cut down on the sun.

“It already is a real good-looking space,” Voigt said and DDA vice chairman Jason Mida said it’s worth looking into. Mida asked which side of Fourth Street is he talking about and Voigt said he was talking about the Fourth Street Mall, but it could be extended to help the two restaurants and attract residents.

Also, when Main Street is closed for an event, the café lighting could be extended across the street and food trucks could be in front of the library, Voigt said.

DDA member Jennifer Winter of Egan’s Pub asked if the sun shades are put up can they be taken down when Egan’s puts up its big tent for St. Patrick’s Day and other events.

DDA chairperson Alicia McGovern said Winter is speaking about something they have been discussing for some time.

Voigt said it really would be impressive for the WinterFest parade at night with lighted floats. The lighted floats stop at the parade stand and the café lights are above, he said.

Later in the meeting he said that the LakeFest committee is pursuing fiberglass fish and engaged a company to produce a prototype. He said they asked the Arts Council to work on getting artists to decorate them.

McGovern asked Voigt to work with the DDA to partner with this project.

Voigt said the fish are being called the “Belleville Bass.”

DDA members told of the other towns where they have seen objects installed and decorated, with Mida saying businesses on Mack Avenue in Detroit have fish. Voigt said he is surprised they didn’t have a giant fishfly.

Mida said he would like to have the south end of town looking better and he would like to see what the DDA can do to help improve that area. He said after the vaccine has taken hold, he believe there will be a

huge surge in use of parks and use of Fourth Street.

“I think we’re going to have a rush,” Mida said.

In other business at the one-hour-and-15-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Unanimously reelected the 2020 slate of officers to serve again in 2021. They

are chairperson Alicia McGovern, vice chairperson Jason Mida, treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams, and secretary Denise Baker; and

- Agreed to keep the same time and day meeting schedule for the year: the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.;

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decision was postponed to get feedback on a zoning issue from the planning commission. He said the commission will hear more about this.

The BZA denied the Clover Senior Housing proposed interpretation to include balconies in its square-foot count in apartments, he said.

But the BZA did say that the coffee room, seating and common area can be counted for liveable space. This allows the project to go forward, Power said, and it will be coming back to the planning commission.

Recreation Committee

Matthew Best, Director of Public Service, said at the Recreation Committee meeting the previous day, the public was invited to give their comments on the community center. He said 35 attended virtually and there were 45 different comments from residents, trustees, and others.

Director Best said planning commission members are invited to the next virtual meeting at 5:30 p.m., March 9, to provide their comments. He said they are looking for all comments.

Best said the Feb. 10 Recreation Committee meeting should be on the YouTube channel



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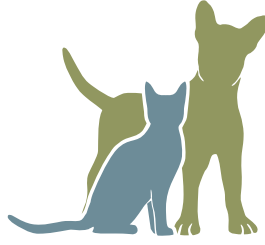
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Keystone Academy will have no snow days, would go remote

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Andrew Roth, National Heritage Academies' representative at Keystone Academy school board meetings, told the board at its regular virtual meeting Feb. 8 that NHA has decided there will be no snow days this school year.

Roth said two years ago there were so many snow days that it got NHA to thinking. If there is a big snowstorm or loss of electricity or other problem that would have closed school in the past, it will no longer do so.

He said NHA schools will move instead

to virtual learning for the snow days rather than having to make up days in the summer.

"It's effective this year," Roth said. "If there is a snow day, remote teachers will teach from home." He said it has been a fairly massive process to get computers for all the students and NHA spent a lot of money on the equipment.

Keystone currently has in-person learning, but students may choose remote learning, if desired.

Keystone Principal Jorvonna Drain said NHA has also decided there will be no sports at this time. She said sharing cars would have to be reinstated, and then there is contact tracing. The car-sharing is dangerous and the contact tracing very time-consuming.

"The tracing I did that one time, took eight hours," she said.

"Eight different schools [in Keystone's district] agree," Principal Drain said. "It's too much to deal with. We'll start again in the fall."

In other business at the 49-minute meeting that was both virtual and in-person, the board:

- Learned there were 674 students registered at Keystone as of Feb. 4. There are no vacancies in staff, Drain said;

- Confirmed in its monthly report to the state that Keystone's current delivery of instruction method is the in-person model five days a week. Virtual education is still

offered;

- Discussed the 2021 National Charter Schools Conference that will be virtual this year and, so, it is less expensive at \$125 per person. Board funds will be designated for those interested in attending. Those registered will have access to the recordings of the various sessions. Jonathan Arneberg, who slid into Roth's NHA representative position during this meeting when Roth had to go to another virtual meeting, told the board it can send some staff, as well, if desired. The conference is June 20-23 and registration ends June 1;

- Discussed Dean / Principal Appreciation Week, a last-minute addition to the agenda, and then approved spending \$1,250 to honor them. Last year because of COVID, nothing was done for them. The board agreed they would try to get to this by March;

- Agreed the next board meeting will be at 6 p.m., March 11; and

- Allocated \$4,000 more for the play structure and learned the new shed was scheduled for installation on Feb. 11.

The meeting was conducted by board treasurer Charlene Derrick in the absence of president Vesta Losen and vice president Darren Hickonbottom.

Carl Zahn named to 2020 Fall Dean's List at Lewis University

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Court Watching:**Witness list grows to 16 names in Egypt Covington murder case**

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Feb. 10, the attorneys for the three defendants charged in the Egypt Covington murder case and their clients met via Zoom with the prosecutor and 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green.

This meeting was to iron out any details before the preliminary exam set for March 22, 23, and possibly 25, if needed. The live exam is slated to begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be open to the public via YouTube.

The Feb. 10 session turned into one defendant at a time being brought before the judge and each attorney since an order was in place to keep the defendants separated.

All three defendants are being held without bond in the Wayne County Jail on charges of killing Egypt Covington on June 22, 2017.

Prosecutor Victoria Shackelford said she will send out a list of proposed witnesses to the judge and the defense attorneys. She said the witness list has grown to 16 from the previous 10 she had stated.

"It keeps getting better," Prosecutor Shackelford said of her case.

Shandon R Groom, 28, of Toledo was the first defendant brought to the courtroom from the jail via Zoom. Groom's defense attorney is David Goldstein.

Judge Green said there had been an issue with some video not playable so the three defense attorneys can view it. Shackelford said her office has been working with the defense attorneys to make that right.

Judge Green said the live preliminary exam is in six weeks and if anyone has an issue the person can reach out to Heather (Judge Green's scheduler) and, "I'll be available by Zoom within 24 to 48 hours" to settle the problem.

Shackelford said she will send out the list of witnesses by the end of the week and will work out a stipulation list. She said she did not know in which order the prosecution witnesses would be called.

Shane Lamar Evans

Murder defendant Shane Lamar Evans, 31, of Sumpter Township was brought next to the Zoom meeting by a Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy at the jail.

His defense attorney Coral Watt said there was an outstanding issue dealing with the discovery-sealing issue.

"I will wait until I'm through going through all the discovery before addressing them," Watt said. She asked to go into a Zoom breakout room with her client briefly and when she returned, she said her client reminded her of something.

She said her client's wallet was seized for evidence and he wants to know if they need his debit card. She said Evans said, "She's pregnant and doesn't have access to funds." Evans identified the female by name for the judge.

Shackelford said she would call the officer in charge and check. She said she

would sign an order releasing the property if it wasn't needed.

Timothy Eugene Moore

Timothy Eugene Moore, 35, is the third defendant in the murder case. He was brought in last from the Wayne County Jail for the Zoom hearing before Judge Green. Judge Green and Prosecutor Shackelford went over the details discussed before the other two defendants.

Defense attorney Kristina Joseph said the outstanding discovery was promised for the following week and then she will be ready for the exam. She asked to go into a breakout room with her client briefly to explain what is going on and then Moore was returned to his cell.

Officer in charge of the case is Michigan State Police Detective/Sergeant James Plummer.

Kojuan Jamel Quiles

Kojuan Jamel Quiles, 46, of Van Buren Township had his probable cause conference adjourned to Feb. 10 by Chief Judge Brian Oakley and on Feb. 10 Judge Green adjourned it again, to Feb. 24.

Quiles is charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and domestic violence on Dec. 26 in Van Buren Township.

Defense attorney Kristine Longstreet of the Neighborhood Defender Service said she has been talking with Prosecutor

Darrian Fortier about the case and Fortier had to consult with her supervisor first.

Quiles is free after posting bond of \$10,000/10%, which orders him not to return to his home where the alleged assault occurred.

Michael Jermaine Stone

On Feb. 3, Michael Jermaine Stone, 40, of Van Buren Township was scheduled by Judge Oakley for a probable cause conference at 9 a.m. Feb. 24 before Judge Lisa Martin.

His attorney is Joan Morgan. Assistant Prosecutor Darrian Fortier said the case just got reassigned and they needed to adjourn the probable cause conference to

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Stamper, Dawn	\$14,563.46	\$39,571.00	Kummer, Deborah	\$49,693.52	\$86,019.99	GUIDANCE		
Steele, Marcus	\$890.38	\$1,225.23	Laginess, Joelle	\$48,067.74	\$68,179.32	Chinn, Rebecca	\$51,062.87	\$76,774.64
Steffes, Stefanie	\$2,034.88	\$2,978.31	Lang, Aaron	\$83,233.33	\$131,237.96	Foulks, Valarie	\$43,909.70	\$67,206.04
Stupnicki, Diana	\$17,059.80	\$32,286.72	Linzell, Melissa	\$63,520.28	\$104,553.82	Kellum, Benson	\$56,034.05	\$79,396.29
Suvada, Kelli	\$16,830.77	\$22,566.05	Mackie, Peter	\$79,669.81	\$126,867.06	Klotz, Kathleen	\$7,775.60	\$10,544.17
Timoszyk, Cathy	\$14,945.18	\$39,888.06	Marino, Joseph	\$46,161.84	\$68,951.70	Nelson, Jaime	\$30,322.96	\$46,884.23
Turnbull, April	\$17,832.87	\$25,690.47	Mayers, Jonathan	\$12,937.21	\$17,828.79	Patillo Edwards, Jawana	\$15,244.09	\$21,422.33
Walker, Jene	\$16,306.39	\$30,861.54	Michel, Melissa	\$32,942.17	\$50,834.71	Radtka, Erin	\$90,084.55	\$124,929.55
Whitehouse, Teresa	\$13,121.93	\$42,573.14	Miller, Timothy	\$71,420.27	\$112,322.31	Roberson, Jerome	\$77,070.72	\$121,149.57
Williams, Kelly	\$7,937.31	\$35,932.42	Mills, Andrew	\$55,182.35	\$81,394.16	Robinson, Kelli	\$52,736.22	\$88,290.25
Woodby, Pamela	\$16,698.00	\$22,160.49	Mills, Emily	\$12,826.63	\$19,591.87	Sabol, Hannah	\$55,158.06	\$80,775.21
Yates, Kathy	\$17,535.28	\$24,348.99	Miloser, Marc	\$77,166.95	\$105,883.01	Sweets, Jacob	\$67,060.69	\$97,768.72
Yearly, Cheryl	\$8,186.22	\$8,186.22	Mulvey, Katelyn	\$46,563.04	\$63,896.19	SKILLED TRADE		
Zielinski, Kerry	\$6,188.37	\$6,188.37	Munoz, Anthony	\$65,513.09	\$95,680.11	Gray, Ryan	\$47,341.59	\$89,551.97
TEACHER AIDES			Murray, Matthew	\$45,754.76	\$79,856.60	Weick, Joseph	\$53,979.53	\$74,193.73
Small, Breanne	\$3,407.30	\$4,590.06	Murray, Zachery	\$33,487.93	\$46,319.41	TECHNICIANS		
SECONDARY TEACHERS			Musser, Michael	\$82,328.66	\$129,263.94	Alakhrass, Hussein	\$3,058.74	\$4,215.25
Bancroft, Wendy	\$73,223.89	\$113,311.27	Napthen, Marcus	\$71,821.26	\$100,735.57	Delgado, Herbert	\$49,477.56	\$80,896.76
Barrons, Nicole	\$41,919.39	\$73,188.25	Newman, Allyson	\$79,627.95	\$115,142.05	Garland, Sean	\$74,454.20	\$122,718.35
Boulas, Erica	\$47,370.56	\$82,113.65	O'Neill, Pamela	\$86,000.52	\$119,811.19	Holley, Atemia	\$28,659.95	\$53,571.58
Brooks, Alison	\$73,311.75	\$107,379.75	Peebles, Tina	\$48,149.00	\$79,598.36	Kennedy, Caleb	\$47,160.94	\$80,842.14
Brooks, Demeatrice	\$64,160.62	\$87,340.12	Pesina, Ariel	\$43,901.27	\$64,053.55	Murphy, Matthew	\$43,855.43	\$67,680.65
Buck-Jackson, Charolette	\$13,928.11	\$20,285.34	Petersmark, Ryan	\$43,029.42	\$65,753.59	Tibu, George	\$44,873.27	\$69,252.00
Buckley, Robert	\$7,426.00	\$10,206.21	Phillips, Derek	\$77,700.20	\$108,027.92	LIBRARY / AV STAFF		
Bushaw, Danielle	\$42,767.50	\$57,929.64	Ploucha, Anthony	\$12,750.36	\$17,758.75	Halliday, Stefanie	\$67,175.73	\$108,958.31
Butka, Jason	\$64,544.34	\$105,706.66	Porambo, Nicholas	\$9,926.14	\$15,944.63	Morton, Christine	\$86,805.01	\$119,646.30
Campbell, Michael	\$81,561.73	\$113,278.70	Radwood, Karen	\$63,354.04	\$100,474.25	Richards, Jonathan	\$48,747.44	\$84,283.86
Carlin, Jessica	\$41,013.84	\$71,984.45	Rinaldi, Iris	\$74,058.56	\$119,532.71	Rupnow, Brian	\$48,374.20	\$86,183.81
Clarke, Rebecca	\$40,687.01	\$60,056.43	Rivers, Eric	\$59,529.92	\$87,583.56	STUDENT WORKERS		
Cline, William	\$77,787.76	\$119,975.34	Romak, Jessica	\$54,746.09	\$92,443.93	Allen, Johnathan	\$2,817.85	\$3,033.42
Dapsi-Morse, Jenifer	\$75,330.67	\$103,837.08	Rowell, David	\$26,912.21	\$44,755.04	Bailey, Jennifer	\$3,937.76	\$4,239.00
Darket, Mark	\$53,982.84	\$91,255.49	Rumfelt, Tracy	\$47,149.56	\$71,221.37	Branch, Dionte	\$2,674.77	\$2,879.39
Davenport, Matthew	\$78,016.65	\$124,299.93	Said, Ryan	\$52,281.50	\$79,022.59	Crimes, Devontae	\$1,790.86	\$1,927.86
Dehaan, Matthew	\$66,049.09	\$96,781.47	Slingerland, Heather	\$65,137.74	\$106,604.66	Edwards, Brendan	\$3,245.41	\$3,493.69
Delfuoco, Tracy	\$85,873.20	\$119,163.37	Slingerland, Paula	\$87,682.80	\$119,575.93	Evans, Samantha	\$1,999.55	\$2,152.51
Devore, George	\$75,525.06	\$119,335.55	Small, Betty	\$42,322.52	\$75,569.19	Geddis, Tatyana	\$3,226.52	\$3,473.34
Duda-Osborne, Susan	\$73,422.10	\$118,477.42	Spinks, William	\$43,909.80	\$59,835.90	Hayden, John	\$2,625.57	\$2,826.43
Franks, Ryan	\$47,299.04	\$65,774.87	Sprague, Andrea	\$74,054.74	\$107,314.40	Hernandez, Italia	\$3,181.05	\$3,424.41
Fransen, Mark	\$50,567.93	\$71,027.32	Stamm, Bonnie	\$75,821.05	\$110,392.63	Jensen, Kenzie	\$2,996.97	\$3,226.24
Garland, Jennifer	\$84,469.38	\$117,262.42	Sterling, Janelle	\$36,545.47	\$54,037.93	Little, Brionna	\$392.76	\$422.81
Gearns, Michael	\$63,869.62	\$105,104.79	Strzalkowski, Jason	\$75,998.52	\$121,221.40	Lopez, Yesenia	\$377.98	\$406.89
Girbach, Devin	\$57,464.81	\$79,410.64	Sych, Sara	\$45,449.48	\$67,775.04	Mcclain, Alyssa	\$2,580.20	\$2,777.58
Haisma, Kaylee	\$42,610.83	\$63,859.86	Tate, Mahogany	\$55,769.36	\$88,943.58	Mculty, Cole	\$3,932.20	\$4,233.02
Hale, Kayla	\$45,377.93	\$69,102.82	Taylor, Nicholas	\$69,277.96	\$113,497.13	Newhouse, Alexis	\$436.76	\$470.17
Hanaka, Tamara	\$57,852.05	\$96,635.70	Tedaldi, Anthony	\$51,976.08	\$78,131.04	Paul, Kayla	\$3,468.64	\$3,734.00
Hickman, Donal	\$71,656.77	\$115,380.56	Trumpour, Adam	\$56,432.66	\$79,019.45	Smith, Justin	\$2,551.77	\$2,746.98
Hill, Shannon	\$70,344.37	\$113,795.88	Turner, David	\$56,935.71	\$95,232.94	Taylor, Soraya	\$1,853.21	\$1,994.98
Hoepfner, Ronald	\$69,760.27	\$112,443.20	Victor, Jonathan	\$8,681.92	\$11,771.53	Turman, Diamond	\$583.33	\$627.96
Holmes, Megan	\$47,617.60	\$65,274.32	Villa, Samuel	\$84,987.41	\$117,940.44	BUS DRIVERS		
Hopewell-Hatcher, Marva	\$47,047.52	\$66,228.01	Watkins, Aaron	\$49,216.66	\$83,841.46	Adkins, Denise	\$10,309.50	\$14,274.62
Hosman, Marcus	\$73,405.98	\$101,352.43	Watkins, Amy	\$82,216.09	\$129,982.79	Baker, Jamie	\$24,435.02	\$57,886.05
Howard, Adam	\$44,153.96	\$65,770.49	Whitmire, Stacey	\$70,181.39	\$97,779.43	Bernardy, Mary	\$26,002.16	\$54,469.65
Irelan, Nicole	\$77,771.02	\$123,864.84	Wiemer, Jeffrey	\$43,834.13	\$76,846.84	Bostic, Avonne	\$11,830.54	\$16,508.18
Jager, Rachel	\$75,766.58	\$121,333.05	Williams, Latoya	\$59,867.05	\$88,249.20	Byrd, Angel	\$2,401.95	\$3,234.95
Jetton, Joshua	\$34,166.14	\$56,037.28	Wyborski, Anastazia	\$25,597.36	\$39,011.07	Caldwell, Peggy	\$27,976.42	\$38,797.08
Jetton, Psyche	\$48,078.47	\$70,151.75	SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS			Campbell, Cheryl	\$15,859.81	\$28,292.45
			Kuehnel, Teresa	\$1,495.00	\$1,609.37	Caudill, Teresa	\$16,369.66	\$27,923.33
			Riggs, Constance	\$14,395.20	\$15,496.43	Clippert, Sandra	\$13,180.04	\$18,548.85
			Smith, Paul	\$360.00	\$462.99	Cummings, Heather	\$18,514.07	\$49,641.15
			OTHER PROFESSIONALS			Cyganski, Ann	\$4,699.66	\$6,044.23
			Adelmann, Jessica	\$84,167.58	\$116,043.80	Desilets, Noreen	\$19,399.49	\$27,100.52
			Bargardi, Kimberly	\$74,794.20	\$119,627.53	Dwornik, Kathy	\$24,181.03	\$52,451.89
			Contreras, Rebekah	\$46,253.62	\$69,612.07	(continued on page 14)		

VBT board approves \$138,000 giant tent for French Landing Park

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved paying \$138,000 for a tensile structure at French Landing Park as part of phase one of the park’s upgrades. The unanimous vote was during the board’s regular meeting via Zoom on Feb. 2.

At its Jan. 19 meeting the board approved the first phase of improvements to the park

at an estimated cost of \$411,062 and this \$138,000 is part of that figure.

At the Jan. 19 meeting, the plans for the park were presented by Director of Public Services Matt Best and Marc Russell of Russell Design landscape architects, who prepared the new master plan for the park.

Director Best had talked at length about the plan at the Dec. 15 board meeting and there were many questions from board

members, who were unfamiliar with the project. He said he has had comments from board members since then.

Best said on Dec. 15 that the first phase included removing brush and vines and poison ivy and trees, along with the decayed play structure that will not be replaced. He also had announced an extensive boardwalk that goes out into the lake; a kayak/canoe launch; cement

walkways and parking areas; a 52’ square, 30’ high unique tensile structure that is like a tent; an irrigation system from the lake for the grass; fixed seating with a bar top along the lake, and other items.

“It is an eyesore,” McNamara said of French Landing Park at the Dec. 15 meeting. He said it is the doorway to the township and, “It’s gotta be fixed.”

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Van Buren Public Schools								
2020 Transparency Report								
Employee	Base Pay	Total Compensation						
BUS DRIVERS (continued)								
Fortune-Seed, Claritha	\$19,923.57	\$27,722.87	Davis, Damon	\$6,184.41	\$8,510.35	Moceri, Patricia	\$10,932.66	\$16,170.89
Foscolo, Kathrine	\$30,080.42	\$49,616.35	Drummonds, Sarah	\$17,234.81	\$42,836.68	Moorehead, Deborah	\$9,315.95	\$14,092.13
Frady, Bryanna	\$20,173.69	\$27,482.00	Ellison, Sheila	\$16,329.21	\$38,613.73	Morin, Vicky	\$14,759.89	\$20,526.76
Graham, Gregory	\$20,303.67	\$36,553.98	Freeman, Bertha	\$15,054.00	\$20,663.77	Muirhead, Jun	\$9,807.12	\$14,147.89
Grzych, Lorrie	\$24,283.67	\$52,320.04	Hawkins, Vivian	\$17,365.76	\$23,166.63	Nickolas, Valiere	\$2,171.50	\$2,988.22
Hargrove, Katina	\$22,673.88	\$30,233.54	Ibach, Marion	\$13,868.50	\$14,929.44	Parks, Nancy	\$9,664.58	\$13,634.57
Hecksel, Lori	\$783.26	\$1,559.67	Jackson, Patricia	\$16,537.12	\$42,199.49	Parris, Janet	\$11,064.48	\$16,684.28
Hobson, Marquis	\$15,454.28	\$21,736.60	Lange, Holly	\$22,442.26	\$31,437.28	Ronquillo, Kathleen	\$11,054.34	\$15,345.05
Hunt, Paula	\$19,948.34	\$51,605.23	Lesniak, Sharon	\$20,970.38	\$29,164.52	Sherman, Amy	\$14,956.91	\$20,795.03
Ingle, Sonya	\$10,694.09	\$14,714.65	Lewis, Cynthia	\$11,358.47	\$31,436.44	Walters, Michelle	\$20,438.36	\$34,652.07
Jenkins, Rebecca	\$29,091.12	\$40,191.43	Manier, Phyllis	\$13,760.11	\$20,010.27	Washington, Katherine	\$14,648.70	\$22,029.22
Johnson, Andre	\$26,821.49	\$45,614.61	Rankin, Candace	\$21,855.43	\$29,760.38	CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE		
Key, Janet	\$26,489.79	\$49,289.00	Serra, Richard	\$11,472.22	\$15,784.23	Cadeau, Lawrence	\$31,746.08	\$52,263.88
Keys, Franklin	\$14,942.10	\$21,051.65	Simon, Margaret	\$9,346.89	\$12,711.84	Cadeau, Nicholas	\$16,628.21	\$22,790.68
Lamar, Vanessa	\$22,160.47	\$30,196.51	Sinclair, Deborah	\$21,149.56	\$29,139.79	Clemons, Jesse	\$7,939.13	\$10,989.22
Landoski, Terrance	\$40,552.92	\$75,483.69	Smith, Debora	\$10,848.19	\$34,032.94	Dalton, Jennifer	\$34,537.55	\$55,258.83
Lyos, Karen	\$26,517.44	\$39,126.34	Smith, Shanna	\$20,493.43	\$27,620.75	Dotson, Michael	\$28,648.79	\$64,746.63
Marcum, Carol	\$12,966.05	\$23,164.94	Smith, Timothy	\$6,960.00	\$9,523.08	Dubisky, Daryl	\$36,682.90	\$69,920.48
Martin, Dana	\$3,981.25	\$5,414.55	Thomas, Brenda	\$10,299.70	\$13,842.42	Engel, Nicholas	\$32,238.38	\$52,444.88
Maschat, Cynthia	\$24,568.35	\$34,272.58	Weick, Denise	\$14,961.37	\$21,008.15	Faulkner, Dewey	\$36,215.36	\$58,345.80
Moore, Louis	\$9,377.03	\$12,752.81	SUBSTITUTE BUS AIDES			Fisher, Danny	\$38,794.42	\$71,942.21
Murphy, John	\$6,682.85	\$9,196.29	Cilluffo, Stephanie	\$3,445.18	\$4,738.50	Gilbert, Lisa	\$3,389.67	\$4,914.28
Nealy, Gloria	\$19,092.90	\$26,217.64	Jones, Alexandra	\$2,438.30	\$3,355.35	Goodman, Joseph	\$33,969.76	\$71,550.99
Nichols, Laura	\$17,953.11	\$25,018.08	Sarkisian, Lorrie	\$1,772.00	\$2,435.98	Hall, Shawn	\$22,943.16	\$48,045.95
Nowak, Rona	\$18,081.01	\$34,316.22	Shauan, Tonya	\$3,348.25	\$4,562.58	Hayre, Andrea	\$35,521.55	\$49,600.60
Osak, Megan	\$21,919.73	\$29,893.80	LUNCH ROOM SUPERVISORS			Ihlenfeldt, Jody	\$40,217.55	\$63,798.29
Osborne, Angela	\$26,031.23	\$35,965.32	Blanton, Janet	\$3,701.63	\$5,042.50	Ladouceur, Bette	\$38,617.68	\$72,326.91
Perault, Cheri	\$26,059.74	\$35,143.53	Cox-Toney, Shawn	\$2,343.25	\$3,155.91	Lampinen, Norman	\$41,506.92	\$76,628.02
Porter, Beverly	\$23,676.61	\$51,430.28	Dickens, Tildon	\$3,295.80	\$4,535.37	Liverance, Ashley	\$31,240.18	\$51,821.72
Ramsey, Diane	\$24,308.27	\$52,822.90	Gubaci, Melissa	\$2,647.59	\$3,600.73	Long, Kurt	\$33,611.86	\$54,805.42
Reinhard, Dianna	\$23,706.00	\$41,493.29	Hawkins, Kenneth	\$3,751.58	\$5,110.63	Mcintyre, Jessica	\$33,451.92	\$55,163.48
Roberts, Sequoir	\$21,769.03	\$29,228.64	Hubbell, Denielle	\$2,575.00	\$3,468.04	Melidosian, Bradley	\$5,739.52	\$7,860.52
Scharp, Alexis	\$19,110.63	\$34,729.81	Knowlton, Amber	\$4,299.95	\$5,917.19	Miller, Autumn	\$33,088.25	\$52,610.53
Sigal-Schroeder, Jill	\$18,351.28	\$44,206.33	Ledford, Angela	\$4,508.43	\$6,131.48	Mitchell, Eric	\$33,401.64	\$54,025.61
Smith, Jammie	\$41.80	\$56.85	Martin, Linda	\$4,140.84	\$5,662.46	Osborne, Thomas	\$44,344.83	\$61,420.99
Spaleny, Debra	\$32,677.87	\$45,276.76	Pittman, Sara	\$1,977.60	\$2,663.44	Pipok, Bradley	\$36,312.57	\$50,467.62
Thorn, Julia	\$11,349.42	\$29,290.48	Sampson, Anita	\$2,781.00	\$3,745.48	Renton, Dale	\$36,844.35	\$69,641.11
Tooley, Kenneth	\$9,446.42	\$12,687.46	Suggs, Toni	\$2,626.50	\$3,537.41	Roebuck, Bret	\$10,161.69	\$14,095.74
Vealey, Daniel	\$26,775.84	\$60,140.41	FOOD SERVICE			Rupnow, Cole	\$31,496.09	\$43,234.94
Waldroop, Holly	\$24,235.31	\$56,983.83	Bodenham, Lisa	\$10,841.40	\$16,711.79	Sampson, Nicholas	\$19,430.98	\$26,738.99
Wauford, Patricia	\$5,340.44	\$7,510.25	Bieszk, Donna	\$413.86	\$553.35	Sattler, Kimberly	\$44,646.81	\$70,659.57
Whitlock, Trevor	\$40,925.71	\$56,916.96	Brooks, Carolyn	\$21,126.26	\$36,143.69	Schulz, David	\$38,447.01	\$71,218.38
Wilson, Lawanda	\$20,512.72	\$28,122.76	Calvert, Emily	\$978.53	\$1,330.81	Severin, Harley	\$37,219.17	\$50,762.17
Witcher, Anthony	\$20,957.55	\$28,871.11	Chartier, Diane	\$14,504.84	\$21,230.28	Shanks, Phillip	\$29,820.69	\$34,426.49
Works, Tammy	\$19,561.58	\$27,051.54	Daugherty, Ann	\$4,464.62	\$6,071.91	Signorelli, Michael	\$47,980.37	\$85,066.59
Zitzewitz, Darrin	\$19,239.24	\$50,132.46	Farr, Sarah	\$18,093.10	\$24,329.01	Stoll, Sheila	\$42,781.85	\$83,148.42
BUS AIDES			Goudy Martin, Caroleen	\$193.00	\$265.59	Tefertiller, Ryan	\$5,282.03	\$7,143.36
Belanger, Deborah	\$16,245.12	\$41,265.91	Graveldinger, Cynthia	\$20,896.69	\$35,145.15	Tharpe, Christopher	\$2,422.51	\$3,312.37
Bond, Bentonja	\$15,958.15	\$22,217.40	Hanes, Gail	\$23,105.38	\$31,325.28	Wegienka, Matthew	\$36,621.08	\$49,956.29
Bonds, Brittany	\$8,443.48	\$11,249.36	Harden, Nynier	\$15,173.84	\$21,166.03	Wegienka, Vincent	\$23,232.20	\$50,133.22
Cetnarowski, Richard	\$16,817.68	\$23,702.08	Hochbaum, Yevonne	\$11,267.28	\$16,121.34	Young, Scott	\$256.65	\$353.69
Cetnarowski, Richard	\$13,609.63	\$27,553.95	Holmes, Colleen	\$19,136.75	\$41,504.60	Zunk, Sherry	\$42,891.23	\$67,442.11
Clift, Amanda	\$16,229.83	\$23,469.91	Holmes, Stephanie	\$11,263.90	\$15,944.30	2020 TOTAL \$39,363,327.76		
Cruse, Jacqueline	\$7,901.74	\$30,295.96	Johnson, Debra	\$13,210.78	\$19,260.18	2019 TOTAL \$39,297,876.40		
			Jones, Stephanie	\$8,905.89	\$12,540.41	Difference + \$65,460.36		
			Kuclo, Jacquelyn	\$9,032.88	\$13,723.31			
			Lawson, Cheryl	\$17,672.71	\$24,534.35			
			Lipford, Joann	\$18,613.73	\$40,793.14			
			Malikulmulk, Darlene	\$193.73	\$208.55			
			Marttila, Diane	\$18,262.01	\$40,313.35			
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2020 employee total wages had approximately a 0.17% increase since 2019.

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Court watching

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get the digital discovery.

Stone is facing charges of domestic violence – 3rd offense notice and assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer on Jan. 18 in Van Buren Township.

Adam Kenneth Sierota

Adam Kenneth Sierota, 35, is charged with assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer and domestic violence on Dec. 16 in Van Buren Township.

His attorney Richard Glanda said they were waiving his client's preliminary exam and Judge Oakley bound him over to

circuit court for a Feb. 17 arraignment on the information.

He is free on \$5,000 personal bond and is to have no contact with the victim or with his home address on West Huron River Drive.

Judge Oakley reminded Sierota that he had a court date before Judge Green for another domestic violence charge from Nov. 19 at the same address.

Kaprice Daney Parker

Kaprice Daney Parker, 28, of Westland will have her in-person preliminary exam at 1 p.m., March 17, before Judge Oakley on a charge of breaking and entering of a vehicle with damage to vehicle on Aug. 10, 2019 in Van Buren Township.

Her defense attorney Claude Chapman said the fingerprints on the auto alleged to belong to his client were not given to him as a photo. He asked Judge Oakley to compel the prosecutor to produce the evidence. Assistant Prosecutor Jane Gillis said there is no picture. She said Officer William Bettendorf said he lifted the prints and sent that to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab. There are no pictures, she repeated, but they can make arrangements for Chapman to go to VBT police department to look at the lifts.

Chapman insisted he wanted pictures of that evidence and Gillis said the judge could compel them to take pictures or Chapman could send his expert in to take

pictures. She said she is allowed to enter the MSP lab report and have Officer Bettendorf testify.

"That's all you need for a probable cause conference," Judge Oakley said. "The rest is for a trier of fact" which would be circuit court.

Parker is free on \$2,500 personal bond.

Donte Marki Stenson

Donte Marki Stenson, 29, of Van Buren Township was present before Judge Green on Feb. 10 for a charge of violation of bond. Assistant Prosecutor Darrian Fortier said the victim in the case reports Stenson has been calling her and at one point someone said he would track down the victim and "whoop her ass." Prosecutor Fortier said on Jan. 6 one of the officers made contact with the victim who provided a call log that showed many calls.

Fortier said because of COVID, she doesn't want to punish him by putting him in jail for telephone calls, but he could get a stern reprimand and a notice that if something happens like this again there will be an increase in the bond.

Judge Green told Stenson, "No contact means no contact!" She said the best way to resolve this is to give him a date for the preliminary exam as soon as possible. She set it a week from that day, Feb. 17, at 12:30 p.m., live.

"The best way to resolve this is to move it!" Judge Green said. Stenson's case had been put among many others waiting to be scheduled for a live exam.

Stenson is charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and domestic violence on Oct. 21 in Van Buren Township. His \$5,000 personal bond is contingent on no contact with the victim or the place of the alleged assault. Defense attorney is Henry Schneider of Neighborhood Defense Service.

Gene Laroy Carrier, Jr.

Gene Laroy Carrier, Jr., 59, of Belleville was arraigned by Judge Green on Feb. 10 on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) in Belleville on Oct. 27.

His probable cause conference was adjourned until 8:50 a.m., March 3, and he was given personal bond.

Defense attorney Scott Weinberg said he needs discovery and Judge Green agreed to sign a discovery order for the Belleville Police.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

2021 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will be held on the following dates:

March 2nd, Tuesday

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

(Organizational Meeting) No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 8th, Monday

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

March 10th, Wednesday

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Based on the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) epidemic orders regarding public meetings, **letters of appeals** along with **scheduled electronic remote appeals** are highly recommended. **Personal Appearances will not be required.**

Here is the zoom information for remote appeals:

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Passcode: 505362

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Letters of appeal must be received on or before MARCH 10, 2021.

Please contact the Assessing Office at 734-699-8946 by noon on March 9, 2021 for updated information regarding appointments and electronic remote access.

If in-person meetings become a lawful option, the meetings will be held both in person and via electronic remote access at the **Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Rd. Van Buren Township, MI 48111**. Updated information regarding the options will be posted as received at www.vanburen-mi.org.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2021 are as follows:

Classification	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	48.04%	1.0408
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Industrial	49.85%	1.0030
Residential	47.08%	1.0620
Developmental	50%	1.0000
Personal	50%	1.0000

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

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Thursday, February 25, 2021
Thursday, March 4, 2021

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Feb. 22 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 23 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 24 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 1 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March. 2 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m.

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VBT

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Best said the plan includes additional picnic tables, turf removal and reseeding and landscaping along Haggerty Road so people can see into the park and also see the lake beyond.

"This sets the playing field for what we want in future phases," Director Best said of Phase I.

At the Feb. 2 meeting of the board, Best

asked for \$138,000 to be drawn from the Wayne County Parks Millage grant line item for a Tensile Structure Systems "Washington" design tent to be installed at French Landing Park.

Best said the Washington design costs \$138,000 installed. This needs to be set so the engineers can design the project.

He said the structure is large enough for yoga, picnics, and meetings. There would be a power evaluation for the ability to put light on it in the future. It is expected to last at least 20 years, Best said.

Best said this will be put into the bid project because the contractor would have to do the foundation, electrical work, and the concrete pad for the structure. This would be put out for bid with the rest of the project and come back to the board for approval.

Best said his Public Service Department believes it is the best structure for the money.

Trustee Reggie Miller asked if this is being added to the bid package and Best said it was a part of Phase I.

Trustee Miller said she knew the park upgrades were intended to bring residents to the park, but this is a lot of money. She asked how many parking spaces are planned to support this type of structure.

Best said there were 12 parking spaces there now and 30 parking spaces are planned.

She asked how many people the structure was for and Best said it was 52'x52' in size. He said there were 10 picnic tables for

that area so it would be 60 people.

"We believe the parking for the site is adequate," Best said.

Miller asked what types of programs will it be used for to justify the costs and Best they could have fishing derbies and yoga in the park. He said they could have a staff person on Saturdays to loan out equipment for lawn games, such as croquet and something like Jarts. He said the park is near the canoe portage area which is part of the Huron River Water Trail and canoeists could stop at the park along with cyclists who ride Huron River Drive to the Metropark trail. There also could be hiking events when the Iron Belle Trail is done.

Miller asked the cost to replace the tent if it is damaged by fireworks or ripped by the wind.

Best said there is a five-year warranty for damage from winds and the elements and the township has insurance for other damage. He said there is a 9' reach to get to the tent.

Miller asked if it will look like a circus tent and Supervisor Kevin McNamara cut in to say it would look like "an upscale community park."

"It does look like a wedding tent," Best conceded, adding it could have the township logo on it. They will decide the color in a few weeks.

In other business at the Feb. 2 meeting, the board:

- Presented a framed resolution in recognition of Judge Lisa Robinson Martin, the first 34th District Court African-American judge. Her husband is VBT Trustee Kevin Martin. Supervisor Kevin McNamara held up the resolution at the Zoom meeting and said he would deliver it to their home. Judge Martin offered board members a tour of the new courthouse and Supervisor McNamara said he believed it

had already been set for Feb. 4;

- Approved the 2021 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) contract which will bring \$28,348 to the township for senior transportation and summer camp and the 2021 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Transportation grant through SMART that will bring \$22,380 to keep passengers safe and must be spent by 2024. Miller stressed all the funds will be used although some programs are shut down;

- Received and filed a report on the township's Blight Control and Demolition Management Program. Finances for this program typically come through the federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Power said the township made every effort for property owners to work through their violations. Seven properties were voluntarily demolished and five properties rehabilitated. The township is demolishing 41563 Hamlin St. and the cost will be put as a lien on the property. Power said there are 45 or more ongoing property rehabilitation and demolition cases;

- Adopted the 2020 Planning Commission Annual Report, as prepared and presented by Dan Power, Director of Planning and Economic Development. The report is required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act of 2008. He said there were 815 building permits issued in 2020 through Dec. 17, which included 94 new homes. He introduced an interactive map available on the township web site that allows the public to find out what's going on as far as development goes, along with all the details; and

- Approved the 2021 hourly rate schedule for Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc. for as-needed engineering contractor services. It reflects a 3% increase.

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City of Belleville PUBLIC NOTICE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING



The City of Belleville Board of Review will be held on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2nd. A second meeting will be on Tuesday March 9th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **MEETINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

Please call (734) 697-9323 ext. 7016 to set up an appointment.

The meetings will be held in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville. **Due to current or future State Executive Orders, it may be necessary to conduct virtual meetings. More information will be available by contacting the Assessor's Office and on the City of Belleville's website, Bellevilleonthelake.com** The purpose will be to review the assessment roll and hear any objections. Resident and non-resident taxpayers are permitted to file protests in writing without personal appearance; letters must be received by March 9, 2021.

Verna Chapman,
City Clerk/Treasurer
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New School: A proposal for educational reform

By Wayde Hoppe
Van Buren Township

Parents, politicians and unions are perpetually at odds over what to teach, how to teach and now, where to teach.



Perhaps the time for real educational reform has arrived. It is time for "New School." The following nine points lay out a path for educational reform that will enhance education and allow parents and students to flourish.

Imagine an educational system where teachers teach instead of discipline and where students learn without distraction. New School would allow parents and students to be free to decide what curriculum, teaching style and facility is best for their family.

New School would release millions of dollars into the market to be creatively invested in a wide variety of teaching platforms and teacher incentives attracting the best teachers to the industry. Competing schools will offer improved services which will result in better trained students. Schools will compete to get children into their school, working hard to convince child and parent alike that education is a good investment. Schools will spring up that cater to every interest, such as schools for those with physical or mental disabilities, those interested in STEM, those in poorer neighborhoods, those who wish to study the arts, people from different religions or of a different political stripe.

Some schools will teach controversial courses. Others will avoid these altogether. In the end, we would end up with a competition of ideas. The best ideas will win. The lesser ideas will go out of business. Poorly run schools, top heavy schools and unsafe schools will also go out of business. And no longer will parents be pitted against the ideological decisions of the school. If the parent doesn't like the choices of the school, they can leave. And the school will have every incentive to provide what the parents want.

It will get police and CPS workers out of the truancy business and no longer will courts need to resolve disputes over speech, association, or religion as it relates to K-12 education.

The nine components are as follows:

Rescind Compulsory Attendance Laws

Roughly one half of inner-city male students will drop out before graduation. Of those that remain, 90% will fail to achieve proficiency in math and reading. Apparently compulsory attendance laws aren't doing what we thought they were doing.

Compulsory attendance laws require teachers, the police and CPS workers to expend valuable resources forcing attendance and disciplining unruly students that are disruptive to those around them,

jeopardizing the education of others.

If we rescind these laws, then only those that truly want an education will be in attendance. Teachers will just teach. Disruptive students will be expelled. Police, CPS workers and courts will do more productive activities.

Educational Debit Account (EDA)

Deliver all educational funding through debit accounts made available to every student. The account will distribute funding only to the school of the family's choice, including public, private, parochial, charter, and trade school. Each EDA is funded by the state.

Replace Count Day with Test Day

Instead of rewarding schools for getting children to attend, we should reward schools for getting children to learn. Consequently, we should abandon count day. Instead, we should test each student at the end of every school term. If the child can pass a basic exam covering the core curriculum, the school will receive the promised funding.

EDA Sharing

The number one indicator of student success is parental involvement. Therefore, we should allow parents to keep the difference between the cost of tuition and the value of the EDA. If there are thousands of dollars waiting at the end of the semester, the parent will have a financial motivation to make sure that his child is in attendance, studying, learning and passing.

Amend the Core Curriculum

The state's interest is only that the student learn to read, write and do basic math. Any subject beyond that is the prerogative of the parent and student. Therefore, we should reduce the core curriculum to these three subjects. Every school will be required to teach at least these three subjects.

Non-Public

In addition to the core curriculum, all non-public schools should be free to teach whatever they think parents and students will purchase. Allow them complete autonomy to offer a limitless variety of classes, teaching methods, hours of instruction, and educational theories. Once funding is available, many different kinds of schools will start up, offering concentrations in any number of subjects. Parents and students will have a great array of options to choose from. And students will excel at subjects that they choose.

Public

All public schools will teach only the core curriculum providing a solid education in three essential subjects. They will have shorter days, lower overhead and will graduate their students earlier. Public school tuition will be capped at a level below the value of the EDA. Because of 'EDA Sharing' parents will have a financial incentive to be involved, giving their student's a greater chance of success.

Eligibility

Any American citizen, regardless of age, should be eligible for an EDA to be used for K-12. Those that have dropped

out should have the option to re-enroll. Admission of a student should be a voluntary agreement between student and school. Non-performing students can be expelled. Non-performing schools can be left for another school.

Teacher Accreditation

Eliminate teacher accreditation as a requirement for educational employment. Because the success of a school will depend upon its ability to deliver the education it promised, the school will screen teachers. Poor performing teachers will move into a different industry. Talented teachers will enter the profession even if they have no formal education in teaching. Professionals from other industries will cross into education offering their knowledge on their subject of expertise. Universities will begin to cater to the demand of the schools instead of schools having to hire only teachers that have adopted a uniform ideology. And the final reviewer of a teacher's ability will be the parent and student who can always take their EDA to a different school.

The state's only interest in education is to provide the funding for each student to learn to read, write and do basic mathematics. All other educational goals are not the business of the state. What a child learns is up to the student and the parent. Uniformity of thought is not a legitimate goal of the state. Neither is uniformity of religion. Leave the family the freedom to decide how to spend their EDA. They will usually make the best choices for their children.

Canton Farmers Market to host off-season markets starting Sunday

The Canton Farmers Market will return with special off-season markets in February, March, and April at the Summit on the Park community recreation center, with COVID-19 safety protocols in place.

The markets will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 21, March 21, and April 18, in the Banquet Center at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

the banquet doors.

For additional Canton Farmers Market information, visit www.canton-mi.org/496, contact the Farmers Market Coordinator at cantonfarmersmarket@canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5375.

No police logs available from Belleville and Van Buren Township.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 7:

1628 – alarm, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1817 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2107 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2250 – civil matter, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2343 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Monday, Feb. 8:

0138 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0944 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1741 – 911 hang up, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1902 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1937 – welfare check, 48000 bl. Roy Ct.
2141 – 911 hang up, Carriage Ln.

Tuesday, Feb. 9:

0012 – suspicious person, Knollwood Dr.
0103 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0336 – death investigation, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1014 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Kozma Rd.
1155 – welfare check, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1401 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1448 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1654 – alarm, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1818 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
2155 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2210 – suspicious circumstance, 40000 bl. Bemis

Wednesday, Feb. 10:

0426 – mental health call, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
0743 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
0944 – suspicious circumstance, Knollwood Dr.
1026 – suspicious circumstance, 17000 bl. Savage
1128 – property damage accident, Clark Rd./S. Huron Rd.

1421 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1630 – follow-up investigation, Knollwood Dr.
1735 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1846 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, Feb. 11:

0741 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
0821 – fire dept. assist, Knollwood Rd.
1008 – assist other agency, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1243 – suspicious person, Harris Rd./Savage Rd.
1339 – traffic stop, Willis Rd./Karr Rd.
1441 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1702 – traffic complaint, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1704 – mental health call, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1843 – juvenile complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1938 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter/Willis
1944 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2148 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.
2344 – welfare check, Knollwood Dr./Country Club Blvd.

2356 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Friday, Feb. 12:

0210 – assist other agency, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0730 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
0743 – traffic stop, Oakville Waltz/Elwell Rd.
1039 – civil matter, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1140 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1321 – welfare check, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1357 – alarm, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1426 – 911 hang up, Timberlane Dr.
1443 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1447 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1623 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1639 – property damage accident, 42000 bl. Bemis
1641 – alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1800 – follow up investigation, 42000 bl. Bemis
1810 – welfare check, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1901 – welfare check, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1938 – civil matter, 47000 bl. Arkona Rd.

Saturday, Feb. 13:

0143 – noise complaint, Rustic Ln.
0848 – traffic complaint, 19000 bl. Haggerty
0856 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1413 – fire dept. assist, Knollwood Dr.
1453 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1519 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1548 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1631 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis
1658 – mental health call, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1737 – 911 hang up, Washington St.
1846 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week's log are 66 patrol checks. There were three traffic stops this week.

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Despite the blast of snow and colder temps this week, the sports seasons are scheduled to start up next month at Belleville High School with practice on March 15. Actual starting dates may be delayed because of post-season tournaments from the current, but shortened, winter sports seasons that are still under way here in Michigan. If you are signed up for spring sports be sure to check with the school's athletic department at (734) 697-0016. Even though all of the spring sports take place outdoors, there could be some student athletes that take part in both winter and spring sports that would overlap each other, especially in tournaments. Check with the school. If you're interested in playing this spring, programs for girls include cross country, softball, tennis, and track, while programs for boys will offer baseball, golf, track, and lacrosse. Check with the office or respective coach. Visit www.vanburenpublicschools.net.

The Yankee Air Museum will be holding another "Rivet like a Rosie" event coming up on Saturday, Feb. 27, from noon to 2 p.m. at the museum, located at Willow Run Airport. The cost is \$35 per person for the adult-only event with only eight adults permitted per time slot. Participants will learn how to rivet sheet metal using non-powered hand rivets and instructed by YAF's very own tribute Rosies. Call (734) 483-4030. Face masks and social distancing will be in place. While there be sure to visit the YAF Museum and their new static display aircraft, a retired U.S. Navy Blue Angel that was received from the demonstration squadron last month and will be a permanent exhibit on display. The YAF was the last location to receive a retired F-18 C, which last flew at the

Thunder Over Michigan air show in 2017. The Blue Angels are now flying F-18 E models, beginning with the 2021 air show season. The museum is open on weekends only at this time: Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets can also be bought online at www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

With more restrictions and guidelines easing up for in-person church services, Belleville Faith Assembly Church at 894 East Huron River Dr. is offering Sunday worship starting at 10 a.m. with small groups for adults, teens, and kids, followed by contemporary worship at 11 a.m. On Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Pastor Doug Valentine offers a Bible study, a kids' class and youth group activities. Join them either in person or online on the church's Facebook page or YouTube channel. See their ad in our church directory.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020. There is no cost to be in this column.

Mikayla Farris named to Fall 2020 dean's list at University of Findlay

Mikayla Farris, of Belleville has been named to the fall 2020 dean's list at the University of Findlay in Findlay, OH.

To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Saginaw Valley State Univ. honors Tyrell and Tiffany Wheeler

UNIVERSITY CENTER, MI – Tyrell Wheeler of Belleville and Tiffany Wheeler of Belleville were honored for academic excellence at Saginaw Valley State University.

They were named to the fall semester 2020 dean's list. To be eligible for the deans' list, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

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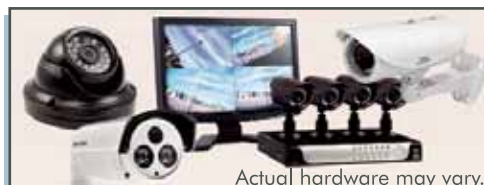
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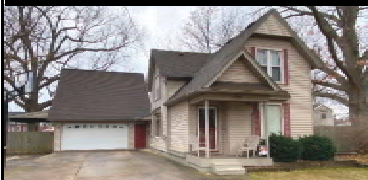
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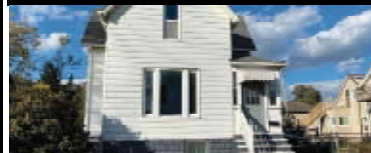
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